



CARMEL
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DAVID COMMANDAY MUSIC DIRECTOR
2026-2027 SEASON

HORIZONS TO HEROES: A SEASON OF CELEBRATION



Resident Orchestra of
the Payne & Mencias Palladium
at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts



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From sweeping landscapes to deeply human stories, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra's 2026–2027 season traces a journey from Horizons to Heroes. This Season of Celebration honors the richness of music shaped in America—by composers born here and those inspired by its spirit. With beloved masterworks and compelling contemporary voices, we celebrate our 50th season, looking at where we are, and who we are – together.

HORIZONS: *The promise of a vast land*

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – 7 p.m.

Experience the spirit of discovery and the vast beauty of America. Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and Grofé's *Grand Canyon Suite* set the stage for Dvořák's deeply expressive Cello Concerto—written in America and inspired by its promise.

Aaron Copland *Fanfare for the Common Man*

Ferde Grofé *Grand Canyon Suite*

Antonín Dvořák *Cello Concerto*
featuring Guest Cellist,
Alexander Hersh



Alexander Hersh
Cellist

ANGELS: *Art, light, and the unseen*

Saturday, March 27, 2027 – 7 p.m.

Guest Conductor: Mélisse Brunet

Music and visual art come together in a program of reflection and radiance. Antheil and Gould showcase the expressive power of strings, leading into Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, paired with a multimedia presentation inspired by the luminous artwork of Nancy Noël.

George Antheil *Serenade for Strings*

Morton Gould *Spirituals for Strings*

Aaron Copland *Appalachian Spring*
featuring Artwork by Nancy Noël,
provided by N.A. Noël Studio



Grace
Artwork by Nancy Noël

HOLIDAY POPS: *Traditions, nostalgia, and joy*

Presented by IU Health

Sunday, December 13, 2026

2 p.m. Family Matinee and 7 p.m. Full Concert

Guest Conductor: Benjamin Firer

with St. Luke's United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Michael Conley, Director

Celebrate the season with music that sparkles, soars, and brings us together. From the brilliance of choral masterworks to the charm of sleigh rides and beloved holiday classics, this festive program blends tradition, nostalgia, and joy.

The 2 p.m. Family Matinee will have a one-hour run time with no intermission. A musical instrument scavenger hunt for curious music lovers of all ages will follow the performance in the lobbies of the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Randol Alan Bass *Gloria*

Tchaikovsky Selections from *Nutcracker Suite*

Clement Moore *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*
including a visit from Santa Claus

Leroy Anderson *A Christmas Festival*

Alan Silvestri *Polar Express Suite*

John Williams Holiday Songs from *Home Alone*

Leroy Anderson *Sleigh Ride*

HEARTS: *Romance, longing, and devotion*

Saturday, February 13, 2027 – 7 p.m.

An evening of unforgettable melody and passion. Bernstein's sparkling *Candide Overture* opens the program, followed by Rachmaninoff's beloved *Piano Concerto No. 2* and Hanson's sweeping "Romantic" *Symphony*—music that captures love in its most powerful forms.

Leonard Bernstein *Candide Overture*

Sergei Rachmaninoff *Piano Concerto No. 2*
featuring Guest Pianist,
Anila Aliu

Howard Hanson *Symphony No. 2, "Romantic"*



Anila Aliu
Pianist

HEROES: *Legends of American song and stage*

Saturday, April 24, 2027 – 7 p.m.

Celebrate the music that shaped America's cultural voice. Gershwin's vibrant rhythms and beloved songs lead to Bartók's dazzling *Concerto for Orchestra*, a thrilling showcase of orchestral virtuosity and heroic spirit.

George Gershwin *Cuban Overture*

George Gershwin Selections from *Porgy and Bess*

George Gershwin *Summertime, My Man's Gone Now, Embraceable You, and I Got Rhythm*
featuring Guest Soprano, Angela Brown

Béla Bartók *Concerto for Orchestra*



Angela Brown
Soprano

INTRODUCING: MAESTRO DAVID COMMANDAY



The Carmel Symphony Orchestra is delighted to welcome David Commanday as its Music Director. David brings with him a wealth of experience in artistic leadership, a deep commitment to musical excellence, and a genuine passion for connecting with musicians and audiences alike. His collaborative spirit and clear vision will help the CSO build on its strong 50-year foundation while exploring new artistic possibilities.

Over a career spanning three continents, David has earned recognition for performances distinguished by musical insight, compelling immediacy and vital connections. Reviewers have noted his ability to stir listeners' emotions as he shares his feelings and excitement for the music.

I am deeply honored to be appointed Music Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. I look forward to building on that foundation as we shape an ambitious and inspiring future together. – David Commanday

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2026-2027 Subscription Prices				
Section	Early Bird 5-Concert Subscription	Early Bird 3-Concert Subscription	5-Concert Subscription	3-Concert Subscription
Box Tier	\$430.00	\$258.00	\$476.00	\$286.00
Orchestra Stage Box	\$320.00	\$192.00	\$357.00	\$214.00
Orchestra Box	\$285.00	\$171.00	\$315.00	\$189.00
Orchestra A-E	\$245.00	\$147.00	\$272.00	\$163.00
Orchestra F-Z	\$220.00	\$132.00	\$242.00	\$146.00
Orchestra Rear	\$220.00	\$132.00	\$242.00	\$146.00
Orchestra Front (AA-CC)	\$170.00	\$102.00	\$187.00	\$112.00
Chorus Box	\$170.00	\$102.00	\$187.00	\$112.00

Mezzanine and Gallery level seats are not available for all performances.

Season Ticket Renewal Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2026
After the renewal deadline, patrons will still receive the Early Bird Discount but previous season seats will no longer be guaranteed.

Early Bird Discount Deadline: Sunday, August 3, 2026

2026-2027 Single Ticket Prices				
Section		Student Ticket (18 and under)	30 Under 30 (Age 19-30)	Military Ticket
Box Tier	\$112.00			
Orchestra Stage Box	\$84.00			
Orchestra Box	\$74.00			
Orchestra A-E	\$64.00			
Orchestra F-Z	\$57.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Orchestra Rear	\$57.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Orchestra Front (AA-CC)	\$44.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Chorus Box	\$44.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

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Handling Fee: A \$2.00 handling fee will be applied to each ticket purchased.

Valet Parking: Valet parking is available for all Payne & Mencias Palladium events. Valet service is \$15 in advance or \$20 upon arrival at the west entrance, beginning one hour prior to the performance.

Group Tickets: For group sales, call CSO at (317) 844-9717.

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